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Comment Sheet

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I request that these comments be made a part of the official record.

Violates the Treaty of Ruby Valley.

- 1 ☐ • The DEIS fails to address the Western Shoshone protest of the use of land outlined in the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the United States. Use of their aboriginal land for the dumping of nuclear waste is outside of the scope of the treaty.
- The Western Shoshone National Council contend that their ancestors would never have signed the Treaty of Ruby Valley had they been able foresee the dumping of such a substance as nuclear waste on their land.
- The Western Shoshone Nation has declared their land, Newe Sogobia, nuclear free. ☐

- 2 ☐ There are so many reasons why nuclear waste should not be stored at Yucca Mountain.
Here are a couple of scientific facts:
 - 1) The casks are not able to contain the waste. Bacteria found at the site can corrode them.
 - 2) Groundwater travel time at Yucca Mountain is so short that the site cannot be considered.

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